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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF SUBCONTINENTAL HOSTAGE POPULATIONS

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1. GOP ADDITIONAL CABINET SECRETARY, MOHAMMAD NAWAZ, ANNOUNCED IN LAHORE SEPT 20 THAT ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF INDIAN AND PAKISTAN ARMIES WOULD MEET AT ATTARI/WAGAH BORDER ON SEPT 26 TO DISCUSS SCHEDULE AND MODALITIES FOR RETURN OF PAKISTANI POW'S FROM INDIA. NAWAZ TOLD PRESS THAT GOI HAD INFORMED PAKISTAN THAT FIRST TRAIN CARRYING POW'S (AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES) WOULD REACH ATTARI ON SEPT 28.

2. NAWAZ ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT SOME 25,000 PAKISTANIS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN BANGLADESH WOULD BE SENT BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES. THOSE RETURNEES WHO HAD RELATIVES IN PAKISTAN  
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WOULD "POSE NO PROBLEM" HE SAID. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIRD CATEGORY

OF PERSONS WHO HAD OPTED FOR PAKISTAN (BIHARIS) NUMBERED ABOUT 25,000, AND THAT THEIR RESETTLEMENT WOULD BE ORGANIZED BY GOP COMMITTEE HEADED BY CABINET SECRETARY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF PUNJAB, SIND AND NWFP. NAWAZ EXPECTED MOST OF LUTTER CATEGORY WOULD BE SETTLED NEAR INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN PUNJAB AND SIND AND SAID THAT NONE WOULD BE SENT TO BALUCHISTAN "WHERE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WERE MEAGER".

3. UNHCR FLIGHTS ON CHARTERED ARIANA CONTINUE. ACCORDING GOP REP LAHORE, ABOUT 500 BENGALLEES AND ABOUT 450 PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED IN PAST TWO DAYS. OF THIS NUMBER, GROUP OF ABOUT 100 CAME FROM NEPAL VIA RNAC ON SEPT 20. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, REPATRIATED BENGALLEES HAVE ALL BEEN MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (NOT CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AS REPORTED REFTTEL). RETURNEES ARE BEING GREETED BY BANDS, OFFICIALS AND LARGE GROUP FROM MEDIA. ALL RETURNEES ARE GIVEN MEDICAL CHECKUP ON ARRIVAL AND EACH ONE IS GIVEN RS. 100/- IN CASH AND FREE PASSAGE HOME. GRIFFIN

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